

not connected with highway drainage, or any other similar commodity, including any fire or police signal system or street lighting system, that directly or indirectly serves the public.

“(ii) INCLUSIONS.—The term ‘utility facility’ includes—

“(I) a renewable energy generation facility;

“(II) electrical transmission and distribution infrastructure; and

“(III) broadband infrastructure and conduit.

“(2) ACCOMMODATION.—In determining”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) STATE APPROVAL.—A State, on behalf of the Secretary, may approve accommodating a utility facility described in paragraph (1)(D)(i) within a right-of-way on a Federal-aid highway.

“(4) LIMITATIONS.—Paragraph (3) shall not apply to—

“(A) a utility facility on Indian land; or

“(B) a utility facility on Federal land, other than for the purpose of deployment of broadband infrastructure located within a right-of-way available to a State.

“(5) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this subsection alters or affects any prohibition relating to commercial activity under section 111(a).”;

(3) in subsection (o)—

On page 202, line 23, strike “(3)” and insert “(4)”.

On page 203, strike line 17 and insert the following:

the project is located on a Federal-aid highway.

“(t) VEGETATION MANAGEMENT.—States are encouraged to implement, or to enter into partnerships to implement, vegetation management practices, such as increased mowing heights and planting native grasses and pollinator-friendly habitats, along a right-of-way on a Federal-aid highway, if the implementation of those practices—

“(1) is in the public interest; and

“(2) will not impair the highway or interfere with the free and safe flow of traffic.”.

SA 2611. Mr. HEINRICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title XII of division D, add the following:

SEC. 412. HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND.

Section 303102 of title 54, United States Code, is amended by—

(1) striking “of fiscal years 2012 to 2023” and inserting “fiscal year”; and

(2) striking “\$150,000,000” and inserting “\$300,000,000”.

SA 2612. Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. HICKENLOOPER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid high-

ways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1612, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

(H) Wind.

SA 2613. Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. Kaine, Mr. WARNER, Mr. REED, Ms. WARREN, and Ms. HIRONO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1152, strike lines 4 through 7 and insert the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director may, without regard to any provision of title 5 governing the appointment of employees in the civil service—

“(i) appoint a total of not more than 140 scientific and engineering personnel to positions in ARPA-I, in order to facilitate the recruitment of eminent experts to support the goals described in subsection (c);

On page 1152, lines 11 and 12, strike “, without regard to the civil service laws”.

SA 2614. Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. RUBIO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ CAP ON ANNUAL PREMIUM INCREASES.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the term “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and

(2) the term “covered cost”—

(A) means—

(i) the amount of an annual premium with respect to any policy for flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program;

(ii) any surcharge imposed with respect to a policy described in clause (i) (other than a surcharge imposed under section 1304(b) of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4011(b))), including a surcharge imposed under section 1308A(a) of that Act (42 U.S.C. 4015a(a)); and

(iii) a fee described in paragraph (1)(B)(iii) or (2) of section 1307(a) of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4014(a)); and

(B) does not include any cost associated with the purchase of insurance under section 1304(b) of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4011(b)), including any surcharge that relates to insurance purchased under such section 1304(b).

(b) LIMITATION ON INCREASES.—

(1) LIMITATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—During the 5-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, notwithstanding section 1308(e) of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4015(e)), and subject to subparagraph (B), the Administrator may not, in any year, increase the amount of any covered cost by an amount that is more than 9 percent, as compared with the amount of the covered cost during the previous year, except where the increase in the covered cost relates to an exception under paragraph (1)(C)(iii) of such section 1308(e).

(B) DECREASE OF AMOUNT OF DEDUCTIBLE OR INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF COVERAGE.—In the case of a policyholder described in section 1308(e)(1)(C)(ii) of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4015(e)(1)(C)(ii)), the Administrator shall establish a process by which the Administrator determines an increase in covered costs for the policyholder that is—

(i) proportional to the relative change in risk based on the action taken by the policyholder; and

(ii) in compliance with subparagraph (A).

(2) NEW RATING SYSTEMS.—

(A) CLASSIFICATION.—With respect to a property, the limitation under paragraph (1) shall remain in effect for each year until the covered costs with respect to the property reflect full actuarial rates, without regard to whether, at any time until the year in which those covered costs reflect full actuarial rates, the property is rated or classified under the Risk Rating 2.0 methodology (or any substantially similar methodology).

(B) NEW POLICYHOLDER.—If a property to which the limitation under paragraph (1) applies is sold before the covered costs for the property reflect full actuarial rates determined under the Risk Rating 2.0 methodology (or any substantially similar methodology), that limitation shall remain in effect for each year until the year in which those full actuarial rates takes effect.

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in subsection (b) may be construed as prohibiting the Administrator from reducing, in any year, the amount of any covered cost, as compared with the amount of the covered cost during the previous year.

(d) AVERAGE HISTORICAL LOSS YEAR.—Section 1308 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4015) is amended by striking subsection (h) and inserting the following:

“(h) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—For purposes of this section, the calculation of an ‘average historical loss year’ shall be computed in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles.”.

(e) DISCLOSURE WITH RESPECT TO THE AFFORDABILITY STANDARD.—Section 1308(j) of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4015(j)) is amended, in the second sentence, by inserting “and shall include in the report the number of those exceptions as of the date on which the Administrator submits the report and the location of each policyholder insured under those exceptions, organized by county and State” after “of the Senate”.

SEC. ____ MEANS TESTED AFFORDABILITY VOUCHER.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter I of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4011 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 1326. AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE.

“(a) AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE FUND.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator shall establish in the Treasury of the United States an Affordability Assistance Fund (referred to in this section as the ‘Fund’), which shall be—

“(A) an account separate from any other accounts or funds available to the Administrator; and

“(B) available without fiscal year limitation.

“(2) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts from the Fund shall be available to provide financial assistance under subsection (b).

“(b) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—

“(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

“(A) the term ‘adjusted gross income’ has the meaning given the term in section 62 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

“(B) the term ‘eligible household’ means a household—

“(i) for which housing expenses exceed 30 percent of the adjusted gross income of the household in a year; and

“(ii) (I) for which the total assets owned by the household are in an amount that is not greater than 220 percent of the median household income for the State in which the household is located; or

“(II) that has a total household income that is not greater than 120 percent of the area median income for the area in which the household is located; and

“(C) the term ‘housing expenses’ means, with respect to a household, the total amount that the household spends in a year on—

“(i) mortgage payments;

“(ii) property taxes;

“(iii) homeowners insurance; and

“(iv) premiums for flood insurance under the national flood insurance program.

“(2) AUTHORITY.—

“(A) OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The Administrator shall provide a voucher, grant, or premium credit to an eligible household for a year in an amount that, subject to subparagraph (B), is equal to the lesser of—

“(i) the difference between—

“(I) the housing expenses of the household for the year; and

“(II) 30 percent of the adjusted gross income of the household for the year; and

“(ii) the cost of premiums for the household for flood insurance under the national flood insurance program for the year.

“(B) REDUCTION.—The amount of the assistance provided under subparagraph (A) to an eligible household shall be reduced by 1 percent for each percent that the income of the eligible household exceeds 120 percent of the median household income for the State in which the property that is the subject of the assistance is located.

“(3) RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES.—The Administrator may enter into a memorandum of understanding with the head of any other Federal agency to administer paragraph (2)(A).”

(b) DIRECT APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there is appropriated to the Affordability Assistance Fund established under section 1326 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as added by subsection (a) of this section, \$800,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2025 to provide financial assistance under subsection (b) of such section 1326.

SEC. _____. FORBEARANCE ON NFIP INTEREST PAYMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—During the 5-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury may not charge the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (referred to in this section as the “Administrator”) interest on amounts borrowed by the Administrator under section 1309(a) of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4016(a)) that were outstanding as of the date of enactment of this Act, including amounts borrowed after the date of enactment of this Act

that refinance debts that existed before the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) USE OF SAVED AMOUNTS.—There shall be deposited into the National Flood Mitigation Fund an amount equal to the interest that would have accrued on the borrowed amounts during the 5-year period described in subsection (a) at the time at which those interest payments would have otherwise been paid, which, notwithstanding any provision of section 1367 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4104d), the Administrator shall use to carry out the program established under section 1366 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4104c).

(c) NO RETROACTIVE ACCRUAL.—After the 5-year period described in subsection (a), the Secretary of the Treasury shall not require the Administrator to repay any interest that, but for that subsection, would have accrued on the borrowed amounts described in that subsection during that 5-year period.

SA 2615. Mr. KELLY (for himself and Ms. LUMMIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 63, strike line 4 and insert the following:

funds apportioned under section 104(b)(1).

“(1) TRUCK PARKING.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—0.7 percent of the amounts provided to each State under section 104(b)(1) for each fiscal year shall be reserved for projects eligible for funding under section 1401 of MAP-21 (23 U.S.C. 137 note; Public Law 112-141) to create, expand, or improve truck parking capacity.

“(2) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the requirement under paragraph (1), in whole or in part, with respect to a State for a fiscal year if the State demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Secretary that the State has met the commercial motor vehicle parking needs of the State.”

SA 2616. Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. RISCH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 80, strike lines 11 and 12 and insert the following:

ignated under section 167(e).”

(7) in subsection (h)(5)(A), by striking “the amount of the funds apportioned to the State for fiscal year 2009 under section 104(h)(2), as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of MAP-21,” and inserting “9 percent of the amount reserved under this subsection”; and

(8) by adding at the end the following:

SA 2617. Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Ms. SINEMA) sub-

mitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 2437, strike lines 9 through 18 and insert the following:

(d) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

(1) DEFINITION OF BROKER.—Nothing in this section or the amendments made by this section shall be construed to create any inference that a person described in section 6045(c)(1)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as added by this section, includes any person solely engaged in the business of—

(A) validating distributed ledger transactions through proof of work (mining), or

(B) selling hardware or software the sole function of which is to permit persons to control a private key (used for accessing digital assets on a distributed ledger).

(2) BROKERS AND TREATMENT OF DIGITAL ASSETS.—Nothing in this section or the amendments made by this section shall be construed to create any inference, for any period prior to the effective date of such amendments, with respect to—

(A) whether any person is a broker under section 6045(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or

(B) whether any digital asset is property which is a specified security under section 6045(g)(3)(B) of such Code.

SA 2618. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title I of division A, add the following:

SEC. 115. DRY BULK WEIGHT TOLERANCE.

Section 127 of title 23, United States Code (as amended by section 11515(2)), is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(x) DRY BULK WEIGHT TOLERANCE.—

“(1) DEFINITION OF DRY BULK GOODS.—In this subsection, the term ‘dry bulk goods’ means any homogeneous unmarked non-liquid cargo being transported in a trailer specifically designed for that purpose.

“(2) WEIGHT TOLERANCE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, except for the maximum gross vehicle weight limitation, a commercial motor vehicle transporting dry bulk goods may not exceed 110 percent of the maximum weight on any axle or axle group described in subsection (a), including any enforcement tolerance.”

SA 2619. Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. LUMMIS, and Mr. TOOMEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY))